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Cityscene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

City Government Offices Close September 3 for Labor Day

City government offices and facilities will be closed September 3 for Labor Day.

General District Court also will be closed (703-385-7866).

The CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule (703-385-7859).

Trash and recyclables will not be collected September 3. Monday and Tuesday regular collection will be provided on Tuesday, September 4 (703-385-7837).

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open (703-385-8414).

Sign Up for SafeAssured ID Kits September 22

Parents have an effective tool in finding children who are lost or abducted: SafeAssured ID System. The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare free SafeAssured ID kits to families by appointment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 22 at the City of Fairfax Police Station, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

To make an appointment, call 703-385-7966.

SafeAssured ID provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and mini-CD with digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child; and personal information. The mini-CD, encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement, is sent home with parents. There is no database.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Share the Road: Sharrows to Mark Old Lee Highway

Bicycling is both transportation and recreation, and the city aims to get bikers to city trails and on-road bike network.

The city, George Mason University and Fairfax County created the Mason-to-Metro Initiative, with recommendations to improve sign system and map, on-road bicycle facilities and trails.

This fall, the city plans to install shared-use lane markings on sections of Old Lee Highway. These markings, "sharrows," are two chevrons pointing forward with a bicycle symbol

below. Sharrows are used to indicate to

cyclists where they should ride in the road. Sharrows also alert motorists to expect bicyclists to share the road.

The city also plans to install signs on Old Lee Highway reinforcing the message to share the road.

Sharrows, shown at left, currently mark the bike lanes on George Mason Boulevard and University Drive between the university and Old Town Fairfax. For information, call 703-385-7889.

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists on the road. For information, call

703-385-7924. (Photo: Frank Linton)



**Fall for the Book will be held September 26-30
in the City of Fairfax, at George Mason University
and throughout the region — see page 2!**

Find Out About Pending Land Use Issues, Public Hearings on Website, TV, Cityscene

How the city permits land to be used within its boundaries is important to city development. The public can remain informed about measures to be discussed for approval or denial by using a new link in News & Features on the city's home page. For information, call 703-385-7855.

The link will provide a list of current major land use issues and the dates they are scheduled to be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council.

Proposed agendas for these meetings and work sessions are available on the city's home page (click on the "Meeting Video and Documentation").

Proposed agendas also are on page 5 of the *Cityscene* and on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station (both available on the city's website).

In September, the following land use issue is scheduled:

- Pickett Road school bus parking lot: public hearing on appropriation resolution for land purchase and construction (City Council September 25)

For information on City Council meeting and work session agendas, call 703-385-7935.

For information on Planning Commission meeting and work session agendas, call 703-385-7930.



NEWS & NOTES

Welcome back to school!
See the calendar for back-to-school nights at city schools.

Assist During Disaster: CERT Training Offered

In light of derecho, do you know how to prepare for an emergency when emergency services are limited or unavailable?

The City of Fairfax Office of Emergency Management will hold free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in September for those who live or work in the City of Fairfax.

The training will be offered in eight sessions, which will take place at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway, and the fire training center at 9650 Colonial Avenue.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations that helps people assist others without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. To enroll, e-mail OEM@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-273-8109.

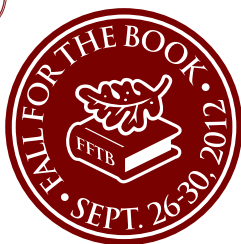
The city extends a warm welcome to Ángel Cabrera, the new president of George Mason University.

Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of fine food and wine at *Taste of the Vine*, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9 p.m. October 5 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit Historic Blenheim restoration.

The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. For information, call 703-591-5305.



Schedule of Events

(Events occur in and around Fairfax ≈
Information: www.fallforthebook.org,
703-993-3986)

Wednesday, September 26

Artist Books, 7:30 am • Call and Response, 10 am • Volition Book Swap, 10 am, 1 pm • George Mason University Library Book Sale, 1 pm • Artist Books Reception, 3:30 pm • Thriller Writer John Gilstrap, 7:30 pm • Naturalist Martin Ogle, 7:30 pm • Romance Novelist Mary Jo Putney, 7:30 pm • Memoirist Ken Budd, 7:30 pm • FOUND Magazine's 10th Anniversary Tour, 8 pm • Novelist Karen Russell, 8 pm • Busboys and Poets Award Presentation: Rita Dove, 8 pm

Thursday, September 27

Artist Books, 7:30 am • Librarians' Workshop on the NEH Bridging Cultures Bookshelf/ Muslim Journeys, 9 am • Call and Response, 10 am • Goodwill Book Drive, 10 am • George Mason University Library Book Sale, 10 am • Volition Book Swap, 10 am • Novelist Clifford Garstang and Short Story Writer Edward Belfar, 10:30 am • Cherrie Moraga and Celia Herrera Rodriguez, 10:30 am • Poet and Memoirist Carmen Giménez Smith, noon • Novelist Wiley Cash, noon • Novelist and Memoirist Reyna Grande, 12:30 pm • Volition Book Swap, 1 pm • Friends of the Burke Center Library Book Sale, 1 pm • Novelist Bernice McFadden, 1:30 pm • Poet Tom Pow, 1:30 pm • Public Policy Expert Philip Auerwald, 1:30 pm • Novelist Mat Johnson, 1:30 pm • Higher Education: Challenges of the Future, 1:30 pm • Alice Walker: The Color Purple's 30th Anniversary, 3 pm • Middle East Scholar Bassam Haddad, 3 pm • Artist and Activist Josh MacPhee, 3 pm • Children's and Young Adult Author Candice Ransom, 4 pm • Short Story Writer Laura van den Berg, 4:30 pm • Vietnam Veteran Wayne Karlin, 4:30 pm • Folklorist Tom Pow, 4:30 pm • Naval Historian Tim McGrath, 6 pm • Washington Writer's Publishing House Short Story Winners, 6 pm • Masters of Fine Arts Fellows Reading, 6 pm • Novelist and Essayist Pankaj Mishra, 7 pm • Thriller Writer Will Lavendar, 7 pm • Poet Jane Hirshfield, 7:30 pm • Journalist and Historian Fergus M. Bordewich, 7:30 pm • Sociologist Todd Gitlin, 7:30 pm • Journalist Mark Obmascik, 7:30 pm • Journalist Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan, 7:30 pm • All Fairfax Reads: Novelist Amy Waldman, 8 pm

Friday, September 28

Artist Books, 7:30 am • Friends of the George Mason Regional Library Book Sale, 10 am • Friends of the Burke Centre Library Book Sale, 10 am • George Mason University Library Book Sale, 10 am • Call and Response, 10 am • Goodwill Book Drive, 10 am • Political Science Scholar Nicolas Buccola, 10:30 am • Novelist and Short Story Writers Christopher Coake and Dallas Hudgens, noon • Religious Studies Historian John Turner, noon • Historian Brooke C. Stoddard, 1 pm • Volition Book Swap, 1 pm • 2012 Election Panel: Choices for November, 1:30 pm • Washington Area Women Writers, 1:30 pm • Call and Response Discussion, 2 pm • Novelists Nick Arvin and Matt Bondurant • Memoirist Donna Britt, 4:30 pm • Poet Susan Howe, 4:30 pm • Novelists Alan Cheuse and Susan Shreve, 4:30 pm • Mystery Writers of America Panel, 5:30 pm • Novelist Pam Houston, 6 pm • Poet Cathy Park Hong, 6 pm • Screening of *The Color Purple*, 6 pm • Barbara Ehrenreich, 6:30 pm • Novelist Catherine McKenzie and Diana Wagman, 7 pm • Mason Award Presentation: Neil Gaiman, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 29

Artist Books, 9 am • Self-Publishing Panel, 10 am • Historian Kenneth D. Ackerman, 10 am • Friends of the George Mason Regional Library Book Sale, 10 am • Friends of the Burke Centre Library Book Sale, 10 am • Call and Response, 10 am • Behind the Superheroes with Marc Tyler Nobleman, 11 am • Virginia Romance Writers Panel, noon • Screenwriting Expert Richard Krevolin, 1 pm • Historian Charles Mauro and David Welker, 2 pm • Children's Book Panel, 2 pm • Political Thriller Panel, 2 pm • Journalist and Historian Rachel S. Cox, 3 pm • Novelists Eleanor Brown and Karen Thompson Walker, 3 pm • Poets Jonathan Stalling and Joshua Kryah, 3:30 pm • Navy SEAL Howard Wasdin, 4:30 pm • Novelist Laura Lippman, 6 pm • Novelist Emma Straub, 6 pm • Poet Brian Brodeur and poet/Essayist Danielle Cadena Deulen, 7:30 pm • Mary Roberts Rinehart Award Presentation: Katherine Boo, 7:30 pm • Old Firestation #3 Poetry Reading, 8 pm

Sunday, September 30

Artist Books, 9 am • Friends of the George Mason Regional Library Book Sale, noon • Falling for the Story Reading, 12:30 pm • NBCC Literary and Genre Panel, 1:30 pm • E-Book Panel, 1:30 pm • Legal Scholar and Activist Dean Spade, 2 pm • Novelist Eugenia Kim, 2 pm • B.W. Read Panel, 2 pm • Mason MFAers: Two Bens and the Path Less Taken, 3 pm • Congressman Rim Ryan, 4 pm • Young Adult Authors Panel, 4 pm • Mason MFA Alumni Reading, 4:30 pm • Gazing Grain Chapbook Reading, 5:30 pm • Fairfax Prize Presentation: Michael Chabon, 6:30 pm

Schedule is subject to change.

End Distracted Driving: Use Good Safety Habits on the Road

Most drivers consider themselves good drivers — among the best on the road — who can multi-task efficiently.

However, cell phone use causes two accidents a minute. Research shows drivers who use cell phones have the same impairments as those with a blood alcohol content of .08 (above the legal limit).

The City of Fairfax Police Department is emphasizing enforcement of distracted driving traffic laws. Texting is illegal for all drivers, and provisional drivers may not use cell phones. Public safety officials recommend all drivers refrain from using cell phones. For information, call 703-385-7966.

Here are some tips for keeping your eyes on the road:

- Designate a passenger to handle any incoming or outgoing calls and texts.
- Put the phone in the back seat or trunk to avoid using it while driving.
- When the ignition goes on, the phone goes off.
- Pull over to make or take that call.
- If you choose to use your phone, use hands-free devices. Never text.

Cell phones are not the only culprits for distracted driving. Drivers should avoid eating, reading, writing, personal hygiene and other activities that take eyes off the road and hands off the wheel.

SmarTrip Card Changes, Rebate Implemented September 1

Beginning September 1, SmarTrip card users will experience program changes and a service enhancement.

Customers will be eligible for a \$3 rebate for new SmarTrip card purchases when they register their card online. Cards purchased from Metro still will cost \$5, but a \$3 credit will be refunded to the card five days after first use. SmarTrip online registration allows customers to add value to the card via the Internet and protects a rider's balance if the card is lost or stolen.

Minimum balances on SmarTrip cards will be implemented September 1. Riders will need a minimum of \$1.20 (or 35¢ on senior/disabled cards) on a SmarTrip® card to enter the Metrorail system. This makes SmarTrip consistent with paper fare cards.

Fast Pass, which provides seven days of unlimited Metrorail travel, will be available only via SmarTrip beginning September 1. Fast Pass paper cards will be accepted only through December 31.

For information, call 888-762-7874.

Voters Encouraged to Prepare for, Participate in November General Election

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. November 6 for the General Election. Sample ballots will be available before the election at the General Registrar's Office and on the city's website.

To be eligible to vote November 6, voter registration applications are due by 5 p.m. October 15. Once a voter is registered, there is no need to re-register. However, voters who have moved or changed their names since the last election must update their information with the General Registrar; visit the city website or call 703-385-7890. To confirm voter registration, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website.

Absentee voting begins September 21. In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

(excluding holidays), as well as October 27 and November 3, at the Sisson House next to City Hall. Mailed or faxed absentee ballot applications are due by 5 p.m. October 30. The final day for in-person absentee voting is November 3.

Voters must show one of these valid IDs at the polls: Virginia voter ID card; Virginia driver license; military ID; federal, Virginia or local government-issued ID; employer-issued photo ID; concealed handgun permit; student ID from a Virginia institution of higher education; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; or Social Security card. Certain first-time voters need to use certain ID cards; call 703-385-7890.



ALMANAC

Make Sure Your Trash Belongs at the Curb

The City of Fairfax crews that collect trash and recyclables are efficient, prompt and thorough.

Residents who place items at the curb for disposal should check bags, clothing, furniture and other items with pockets, drawers and crevasses to make sure they contain no valuables.

All items placed at the curb are considered disposables by city crews and will be collected.

Trash and recyclables collected from the curb are taken to the landfill or recycling center daily — sometimes making multiple trips in a single day, depending on the quantity of disposables. Once trash and recyclable items are disposed of, the city cannot retrieve them.

Prune Trees, Bushes from Sidewalks, Roads

Property owners with trees and shrubs are asked to prune vegetation away from sidewalks and streets.

Plants should not block sidewalks, nor should they obstruct the view of traffic or signs for drivers and pedestrians from walkways or roads.

Those with curbside collection may place yard waste at the curb on their designated collection day.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Pick up these two flyers regarding proper disposal of trash and recyclables:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

Visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

University/Community Forum Set for October 3

The next University and Community Forum, which will be held October 3, will include information on a proposed residential development adjacent to George Mason University, the university's proposed West Campus Connector Road and the introduction of Mason President Ángel Cabrera.

The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. October 3 in the City Hall Council Chamber. This meeting will be televised live and replayed on Cityscreen-12. For information, call 703-385-7850.

At the forum, community members will receive information on and have an opportunity to discuss the proposed residential development on the Eleven Oaks property at the intersection of George Mason Boulevard and School Street.

Information about the proposed Eleven Oaks project will be available before the meeting at the Community Development and Planning Office, City Annex Room 207. For information, call 703-385-7930.

Personal Property Taxes, Vehicle Decals Due October 5

Personal property tax bills and vehicle decal bills are combined on one form, which will be mailed by early September.

Payments for both personal property taxes and vehicle decals are due by October 5. Payments received or postmarked after October 5 will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest.

To avoid long lines and delays, promptly check the bill and report any changes to the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

If the bill requires no changes, please mail the payment promptly.

Decal enforcement begins November 16, and *decals are required to be displayed on vehicles garaged in the city*.

Citizens also may pay taxes and decal fees online through the city's website using a credit card or e-check. Credit card payments are charged an

additional fee by the service provider. There is no additional fee for e-checks.

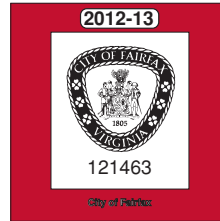
The offices of the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., as well as:

- Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m. to noon
- Friday, October 5, 5-7 p.m.

The 2012 personal property tax rate is \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The commonwealth will pay 50.65 percent of up to \$20,000 of assessed value for personal use vehicles. The tax reduction appears on tax bills as a credit. Citizens must pay the net amount due on the tax bill.

Decals cost \$33 each for cars and trucks and \$18 each for motorcycles.

For information on tax payments, call 703-385-7900. For personal property tax information, call 703-385-7880.



Police Station Accepts Rx, OTC Drugs on 'Drug Take-Back Day' September 29

Unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs will be accepted at the City of Fairfax Police Station September 29 as part of Drug Take-Back Day.

To help prevent danger to the public, the city is working with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect unused, unwanted medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 29 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway. The city will accept pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers.

Drop-off is anonymous; no identi-

fication or prescription information is required. For information, call 703-385-7966.

The city has collected nearly 400 pounds of materials at two previous drug take-back events. These materials were transported to the Virginia State Police barracks, then taken into custody by the DEA.

Drug disposal is an ongoing national issue, with reports of prescription drug chemicals found in some municipal water sources and leaching out of landfills.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Economic Development Authority** (three vacancies for city residents) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on park and recreation facilities and programs. Meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



SEPTEMBER CABLE SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through September 14, enjoy highlights from Civil War Day, which include lectures by noted Civil War historians.

Beginning September 15, watch an encore presentation of the City of Fairfax Band's "The War Years," an extravaganza of Big Band favorites from the 1940s.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. The show also will be archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, September 11, 10 am;
Thursday, September 13, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online September 11

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, September 24, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, September 25, 10 am;
Thursday, September 27, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online September 25

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, September 12 and
Friday, September 14, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,
September 15 and Sunday, September 16,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 12

OnDEMAND replay begins September 16

Tuesday, September 18, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, September 19 and
Friday, September 21, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,
September 22 and Sunday, September 23,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 19

OnDEMAND replay begins September 23

Tuesday, September 25, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, September 26 and
Friday, September 28, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday,
September 29 and Sunday, September 30,
10 am, 7 pm

Archived online September 26

OnDEMAND replay begins September 30

The Road to Recovery

Daily at 4 pm and on days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND, YouTube

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience.

On the Internet, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing. For information, visit the city's website.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications OnDEMAND "Free Zone."

Special programs are posted on the city's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/cityoffairfaxva.

Some programs are available for loan or purchase:

call 703-385-7803 or e-mail

Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930) *September 10 regular meeting — cancelled*

September 24 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

September 10 regular meeting

- Tuition bill and Fairfax County Public Schools fiscal forecast.
- *Policy Manual* updates.
- Summer school and School opening report.
- Updated School Board communications plan.
- Update of capital and administrative accounts.
- Five-Year Capital Improvement Program public hearing.
- Approval: of July 2, 2012 minutes of *Policy Manual* Updates; of carry forward of fiscal year 2011-12 funds.

September 17 work session

- Presentations: of Working Conditions Survey; of Bond and Debt Service Review; of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board CIP Projects Review; of Review of work session/regular School Board meeting schedule.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

September 11 regular meeting and work session

- Consent agenda: Project Agreement for the Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds for fiscal year 2012-13; Project Administration Agreement for emergency backup battery generators and wireless signal detectors; Burke Station Road reconstruction; Consideration of the Community Services

Board annual contract; Consideration of the Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board 2012 Consortium Agreement; Consideration of an award of contract for the construction of a school bus parking lot.

- Public hearings (deferred to September 25): on an appropriation resolution in an amount not to exceed \$3.855 million for the acquisition of a portion of certain real property located at 3800 Pickett Road, comprising approximately 2.33 acres, and construction of a school bus parking lot.
- Discussion with area utilities groups, including Verizon and Dominion Virginia Power.

September 18 work session

- Discussions: of beekeeping in the City of Fairfax; of process for removal/disposal of the property at 10415 North Street, formerly Bravada's Wig Shop, to provide space for the redevelopment of park space.
- Presentation: Northfax storm drainage intersection improvements.

September 25 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on an appropriation resolution in an amount not to exceed \$3.855 million for the acquisition of a portion of certain real property located at 3800 Pickett Road, comprising approximately 2.33 acres, and construction of a school bus parking lot. (Deferred from September 11)
- Discussion with Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments regarding the Region Forward Plan.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

July 3

Special Organizational Meeting

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of the 2012-2014 City Council Organizational Resolutions.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the city, a first amendment to ground lease with the Fairfax Police Youth Club, Inc., for a portion of Providence Park.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for 90 days the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company pursuant to ordinance number 1982-24.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance extending for 90 days the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC pursuant to Ordinance No. 1982-25.

Consideration of Council confirmation of Declaration of Local Emergency for the June 29, 2012, Severe Thunderstorm

- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council confirm the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the period June 30 to July 13, 2012.

July 24

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration to award a contract for the lagoon bypass project at Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract; Consideration of an award of a contract to FJ Industrial, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 for a liquid ammonia project at the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant; Consideration of an award of contract to B&B Signal Company in an amount not to exceed \$91,760 for the purchase and installation of emergency intersection battery back-up power systems; Consideration of a Third Amendment to Professional/Consultant Services Contract between the City of Fairfax, Virginia, and Richter & Associates, Inc., relating to the undergrounding of utilities in and around Old Town Fairfax; Consideration of a First Amended and Restated Emergency Services Agreement between the City of Fairfax and the Rector and Visitors of George Mason University (GMU).

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of an

ordinance to approve the application of Robert E. Stafford, Sr. and Associates, LLLP, by Stephen K. Fox, Agent, to rezone the subject property from C-2, Retail Commercial to C-3, General Commercial with proffers dated July 12, 2012 at 10030 Fairfax Boulevard.

- Approved, unanimously, a special use permit for a fast-food restaurant with a drive-thru window located in the C-3(p) General Commercial District (with Proffers) with a waiver of the required 500-foot separation from places of public assembly per City Code Section 110-802(a)(3), for a use in the Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCOD) that will generate more than 700 vehicle trips per day per section 110-874(b)(2), and for a commercial use in the HCOD seeking vehicular access from a local street which also provides access to residential areas per Section 110-874(b)(3) at 10030 Fairfax Boulevard, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt the resolution to approve special exceptions to: waive/modify the 25-foot landscape screen C required by Section 110-258 between C-3 and C-2 zoned land; and Allow illumination of a sign located within 300 feet of a residential district without any time restrictions required by Section 110-179(b)(2) at s 10030 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Approved, unanimously that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve special exception to: Modify the requirements of City Code by allowing reduced landscape screening from adjacent properties; and Modify the requirements of City Code by providing a parking area without perimeter landscaping at 3800 Pickett Road, with conditions.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, to introduce an appropriation resolution in the amount not to exceed \$3.855 million for the acquisition of a portion of certain real property located at 3800 Pickett Road, comprising of approximately 2.33 acres and construction of a school bus parking lot.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement of purchase and sale for certain real property identified as a portion of tax map no. 58-3-02-026, as set forth in the resolution.

Actions out of the closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Approved, unanimously, the following appointments the Metropolitan Washington

Council of Governments committees: Councilmember Drummond to the Board of Directors; Councilmember Greenfield to the Board of Directors, Alternate; Councilmember Meyer to the Transportation Planning Board; Councilmember Drummond to the Transportation Planning Board, Alternate; Councilmember Stombres to the Metropolitan Air Quality Committee; Councilmember DeMarco to the Metropolitan Air Quality Committee, Alternate; Councilmember Greenfield to the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee; Councilmember Schmidt to the Human Services & Public Safety Policy; Councilmember Greenfield to the Human Services & Public Safety Policy, Alternate; Councilmember DeMarco to the Aviation Policy Committee; Councilmember Meyer to the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee; Councilmember Meyer to the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee.

- Approved, unanimously, the following appointments the Virginia Municipal League committees: Councilmember Greenfield to the Transportation Policy Committee; Councilmember DeMarco to the Community and Economic Development Committee; Councilmember Drummond to the Human Development and Education Committee; Councilmember Stombres to the Environmental Quality Committee; Councilmember Schmidt to the Finance Committee

* Mayor Silverthorne to the General Laws Committee.











- Approved, unanimously the following appointments: Mayor Silverthorne and Councilmember Meyer (Alternate) to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; Councilmember Greenfield and Councilmember Stombres (Alternate) to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; Mayor Silverthorne and Councilmember Greenfield (Alternate) to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; Councilmember Greenfield and Councilmember Schmidt (Alternate) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; Councilmember Drummond and Christina Alexander, staff, to the Potomac Watershed Committee; Ben Wiles, city resident, to the Community Appearance Committee for a three-year term extending through July 24, 2015.

Comments by City Council

- Requested staff launches an awareness campaign regarding texting and driving.

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.

City of Fairfax Community Calendar September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.						
2 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	3  <i>Labor Day</i> Trash and recyclables not collected City government offices and facilities closed General District Court closed CUE Bus runs on a Saturday schedule Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open	4 <i>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected</i> Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	5 Environmental Sustain- ability Committee, 6:30 pm, Green Acres Center (note location) Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	6 Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	7 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	8 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm
9 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>Rebuilding the Pentagon</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	10  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Planning Commission meeting — cancelled	11  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	12 Back to School Night (grades K-2), 6 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School Back to School Night (grades K-2), 7 pm, Providence Elementary School Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	13 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Com- munity Center Back to School Night (grades 3-6), 6 pm, Daniels Run Elementary School Back to School Night (grade 3-6), 7 pm, Providence Elementary School	14 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>We Bought a Zoo</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center	15 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm Swing Dances at Sherwood: <i>Doc Scantlin's Imperial Plams Orchestra</i> , 8 pm, Sherwood Community Center
16 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets <i>Grand Piano Gala</i> , 3 pm, Center for the Arts	17 <i>Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series</i> , 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	18  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	19 Economic Development Au- thority meeting, 5:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	20 <i>Friday Morning Music Club</i> , 11 am, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebra- tion Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Back to School Night (all grades), 7 pm, Fairfax High School	21 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	22 Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours SafeAssure ID, 10 am, City of Fairfax Police Station Old Town Fairfax guided walking tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Irish Folk Festival, noon to 6 pm, Sherwood Community Center
23 Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station	24  Tails to Tales (age 6-12), 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Planning Commission meet- ing, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) Back to School Night (grade 7), 7 pm, Lanier Middle School	25  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	26  Fall for the Book events will be held September 26-30 in the city, at George Mason University and around the DC area. See the complet schedule on page 2!	27  Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Back to School Night (grade 8), 7 pm, Lanier Middle School <i>All Fairfax Reads: Amy Waldman</i> , 8 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center	28  Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	29  <i>Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer offices open 9 am to noon</i> Farmers' Market Drug Take-Back Day, 10 am to 2 pm, City of Fairfax Police Station Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm

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Library Hours Change September 8

Fairfax County Public Library is expanding its hours effective September 8, and the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North Street) will be affected. New hours will be:

- Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 1-5 p.m. (regional branches).

For information, visit www.fairfax-county.gov/library or call 703-293-6227.

Senior Health Fair Set for September 12

Seniors are invited to visit the Senior Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. September 12 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Receive health screenings, health education materials and free demonstrations. Flu shots will be provided by Walgreen's and will be free with Medicare Part B.

For information, call 703-273-6090.

New Season of Children's Performance Series Begins September 17

The Children's Performance Series

begins its 2012-13 season with Mr. Skip at 10 a.m. September 17 in Old Town Hall.

Free performances for children are offered at 10 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. For information, visit www.fairfaxarts.org.

Friday Morning Music Club Concert Series Begins September 20

The Friday Morning Music Club (FMMC) will begin its annual Thursday morning concert series at 11 a.m. September 20 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. For information, visit www.fmmc.org.

Irish Folk Festival Set for September 22

Explore all things Irish at the free Irish Folk Festival to be held from noon to 6 p.m. September 24 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center and the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub, 3971 Chain Bridge Road.

The event, co-sponsored by the Fairfax Commission on the Arts, feature musicians, Irish set dancing, Ceili dancing, food and children's programs. For information, visit www.ccepotomac.org.

Whole Health Fest Set for September 23

Get Fit City of Fairfax presents Whole Health Fest 2012 from 1-4 pm September 23 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

This free event, sponsored by Get Fit City of Fairfax, will focus on wellness, nutrition, fitness and lifestyle choices for people of all ages. There will be cooking demonstrations, exhibits, vendors and speakers. For information, visit www.wholehealthfest.com.

Farmers Markets Continue

Catch one of the city's two farmers markets held Saturdays and Sundays through October at the lot on the corner of Main and West streets. For information, call 703-420-6164.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays (except October 13). The Sunday Farmers' Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

**Check out *Leisure Times*
for classes, trips, activities,
special events and more!**

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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